

As a consumer of media, an active participant in public political discourse and a citizen that values the free exchange of ideas above all other liberties, I urge you no to lift cross-ownership bans.

To be honest, the prospect of the consolidation of new-gathering departments frightens me. There is nothing to stop a media company that owns multiple outlets in a single city from consolidating editorial content, providing that city with less information through more outlets, magnifying a single voice at the cost of diversity.

There is a reason evolution works best in large gene pools, and punishes limited gene pools with hereditary disabilities passed through inbreeding. In our current age, information is no less than the genetic material of mental development. Please don't limit consumers access to diverse information by replacing multiple voices with a single voice and its echos.